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MEMORANDUM FOR: Exec. Assistant to the Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Revision of Policy and Procedures for
Overseas Handling, Processing, and
Reporting on Sensitive Photographic Results

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] 04888/64, 23 April 1964

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1. In response to your request that I recommend what action should be taken in reply to the Director, DIA, suggestion that a revision of policy and procedures be made for overseas handling of sensitive photographic results, I have reviewed this memorandum and the four references. It is true that over the course of time, with the emergence of a new charter for COMOR in 1960 and the nationalizing of NPIC in 1961, some of the policies established in 1957 governing URPIC operations have become [REDACTED]. The three references referred to in [REDACTED] memorandum as A., B., and C. did not present an irreconcilable picture, but incompatibilities emerged which it would perhaps have been well to straighten out formally in 1961.

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2. The agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the DCI on management of the NRP does now indeed create a situation requiring the revision proposed by [REDACTED]. The functions and responsibilities of the NRO are sufficiently broad that it is perfectly difficult to interpret with precision their relationship to the more specific procedures which had been worked out under previous agreements.

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3. It is our recommendation that you agree with [REDACTED] that an ad hoc committee be established to update policies and procedures for URPIC operations. A suggested memorandum is attached for your consideration.

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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
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I concur in your proposal that an ad hoc committee be established to review and update policies and procedures for URPIC operations. I also agree that this committee should be under the chairmanship of NRO. I propose that [redacted]
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Sincerely,

John A. McCrae
Director

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